

Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting of October 24, 2007

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its' monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 24th, 2007, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting was: Park Board President – Ron Bennett, Members – Linc Baro, Kay Cox and Kelly Cox, Parks Supt – John Tate and Secretary- Debra Scott. Members not present: Synda Waters.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Kay Cox. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the September 19th, 2007, meeting was made by Kay Cox and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for October 24th, 2007, was made by Kay Cox and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Background Checks-** Mr. Tate stated the fall sports season is almost over and we will have the winter to establish our Background Check Policy before the Spring Season begins. Mr. Ron Bennett stated he had spoken to Bob Deig and Trent VanHaften but had received no response; also he spoke to State Policeman Greg Oeth and he had no solution either. Mr. Tate stated the department will either have to bite the bullet and pay for the background checks or have the coach's pay for them.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MVYB Agreement-** Mr. Tate handed the Board members each a copy of the Mt. Vernon Youth Baseball, Inc. Operating Agreement with the City of Mt. Vernon-Black Township Parks Board. Mr. Tate stated he had made a few changes to the agreement such as rewording #4, and in #5 the Parks Dept. gave permission to the MVYB to charge a nominal spectator admission fee during open tournament play. Mr. Tate stated #10 now states that the Parks Dept. has a MVYB certificate of insurance on file at the Parks Office. Mr. Bennett stated that a member of the Park and Recreation department or Parks Board will represent the city at MVYB meetings, this will allow for open communication between the two organizations as stated in #12. Mr. Kelly Cox stated he believes Park & Recreation needs more say when it comes to the overlapping of sports. After discussing the issue, Mr. Tate stated he believes having a representative at the MVYB meetings will help the communication. Mr. Ron Bennett stated that point #12 should take care of point #1 on the agreement. Mr. Kelly Cox made the motion to approve the MVYB agreement as written, Linc Baro seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- 2. NFL Youth Football Grant-** Mr. Tate stated he applied for the 2007 National Football league Youth Fund Local Agency Grant in partnership with the National Recreation & Partnership with the National Recreation & Park Association. This year over 200 agencies applied for the grant. More than 100 agencies received funding for their football programs. Mr. Tate stated the Parks Department received \$2,500.00 which came at a good time since the department recently took over the Cub Football program. The cub football program had not updated their equipment since 2000. Mr. Tate stated the Parks Dept. purchased 15 new helmets; while the Pop's organization and high school program purchased 25 helmets. Mr. Tate stated the football program still needs to purchase/replace more equipment and the grant money will be used for these purchases. Mr. Tate stated the grant must be used before December 31st, or the department could lose the grant money.

Other News:

Board Member Kelly Cox had a suggestion about how the Parks Department could create more revenue. Mr. Cox stated the Parks department could put together a card, (like the Wildcat Card) and ask local business's for their support. After a brief discussion Mr. Cox stated this was just an idea and 5 more minds thinking on the issue was better than one.

Motion was made to adjourn by Linc Baro and seconded by Kelly Cox.
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

John Tate, Superintendent

Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 19th, 2007, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.